

# The socio-economic impact of large-scale research infrastructures: LHC and CNAO

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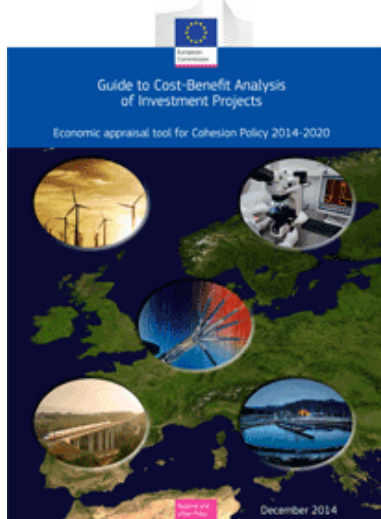
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# WHY A CBA MODEL FOR RDI:

## Motivation and Principles

- **Increasing need for accountability:** RDI at the core of policy agenda, essential component of scientific and technological progress.
- **Peer review process** is designed to assess the scientific case but it is not tailored to evaluate the socio-economic impact of a project.
- **Different evaluation approaches** are related to managerial criteria, financial sustainability, policy priorities and others: these are different from a theory based forecast of socio-economic impacts.
- A **CBA model for RDI** should be firmly based on the theory of **applied welfare economics** and **empirically implementable**: it must be quantitative.
- What is **unmeasurable** should be left aside, **expressed qualitatively** and is not part of the CBA.



# CBA FOR RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

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Some information on CBA international practice are drawn from the results of a survey conducted on **selected OECD countries** addressing the actual use, practice and role of CBA in ex-ante project appraisal.

**OECD, Government at glance**

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<http://www.oecd.org/gov/govataglance.htm>



**Rail** (e.g. Austria, Denmark, Canada, Sweden, Netherlands).

**Urban transport** (e.g. New Zealand, Austria, Denmark, Canada, Sweden, Netherlands)

**Airports, ports and waterways** (e.g. Austria, Canada, Sweden, Netherlands, UK)



**Education** (e.g. Canada, UK)

**Culture and leisure** (e.g. New Zealand, Canada, UK)



**Water supply and wastewater** (e.g. Canada, Netherlands)

**Solid waste management** (e.g. Canada, UK)

**Other environmental projects: risk prevention and mitigation, natural asset conservation, etc.** (e.g. Canada, Sweden, UK)

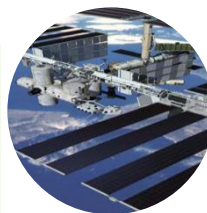


**ICT:** telecommunications, broadband, ICT applications to businesses and citizens (e.g. Canada, UK)

**Health** (e.g. Canada, Sweden)



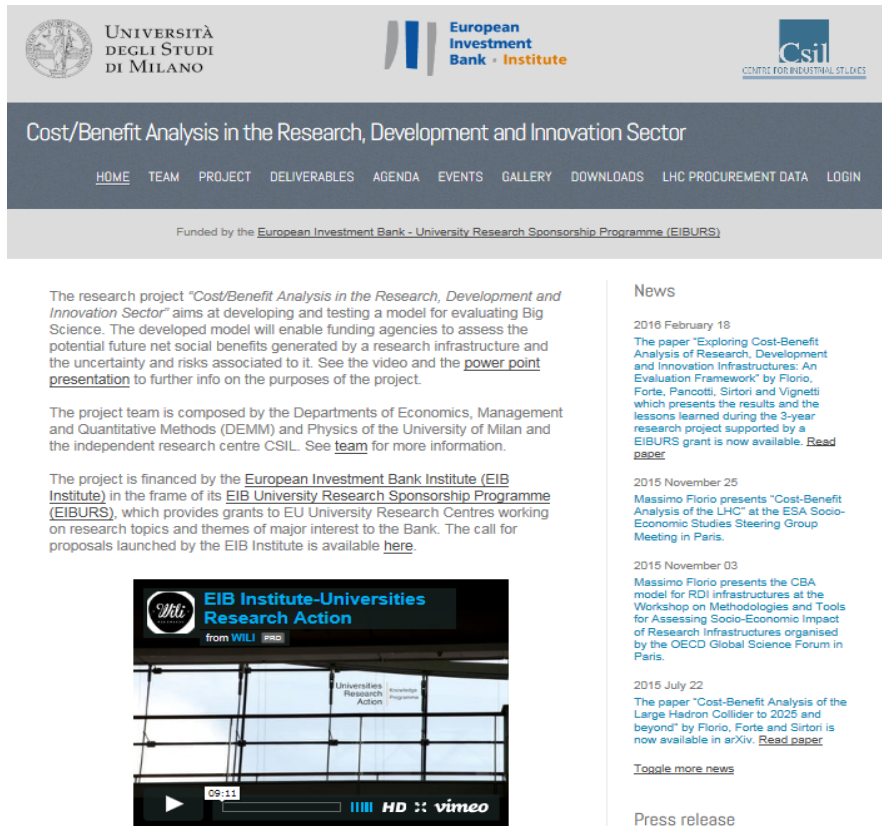
**Energy: production, transmission and distribution** (e.g. Denmark, Canada, Sweden)



**Scientific research** (e.g. Canada, UK)

**Technological development and innovation:** science parks, technological parks, incubators, etc. (e.g. Canada, UK)

# Background



The research project "Cost/Benefit Analysis in the Research, Development and Innovation Sector" aims at developing and testing a model for evaluating Big Science. The developed model will enable funding agencies to assess the potential future net social benefits generated by a research infrastructure and the uncertainty and risks associated to it. See the video and the [power point presentation](#) to further info on the purposes of the project.

The project team is composed by the Departments of Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods (DEMM) and Physics of the University of Milan and the independent research centre CSIL. See [team](#) for more information.

The project is financed by the European Investment Bank Institute (EIB Institute) in the frame of its EIB University Research Sponsorship Programme (EIBURS), which provides grants to EU University Research Centres working on research topics and themes of major interest to the Bank. The call for proposals launched by the EIB Institute is available [here](#).

**News**

2016 February 18  
The paper "Exploring Cost-Benefit Analysis of Research, Development and Innovation Infrastructures: An Evaluation Framework" by Florio, Forte, Pancotti, Sirtori and Vignetti which presents the results and the lessons learned during the 3-year research project supported by a EIBURS grant is now available. [Read paper](#)

2015 November 25  
Massimo Florio presents "Cost-Benefit Analysis of the LHC" at the ESA Socio-Economic Studies Steering Group Meeting in Paris.

2015 November 03  
Massimo Florio presents the CBA model for RDI infrastructures at the Workshop on Methodologies and Tools for Assessing Socio-Economic Impact of Research Infrastructures organised by the OECD Global Science Forum in Paris.

2015 July 22  
The paper "Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Large Hadron Collider to 2025 and beyond" by Florio, Forte and Sirtori is now available in arXiv. [Read paper](#)

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Press release

- Developing a **CBA theoretical model** for evaluating research infrastructure projects (RI).
- Enabling funding agencies to **assess the potential future net social benefits** generated by a RI.
- **Testing the CBA model** on two particle accelerators: LHC and CNAO (National Hadrontherapy Centre for Cancer Treatment ).

**EIBURS**  
**EIB University Research Sponsorship Programme**  
**2012-2015**

<http://www.eiburs.unimi.it/>

# The CBA model (1)

- The expected economic net present value of the RDI infrastructure  $[E(ENPV_{RDI})]$  over the **time horizon ( $T$ )** is defined as the difference between expected **benefits** and **costs** valued at shadow prices and discounted at the **social discount rate ( $r$ )**.
- The model breaks down **intertemporal benefits** into two broad classes – use and non-use benefits – and compares these benefits with costs.
- The expectation operator implies that **all critical variables are considered as stochastic**.
- All the **benefits should be related to the main economic agents: firms, consumers, employees, taxpayers**.

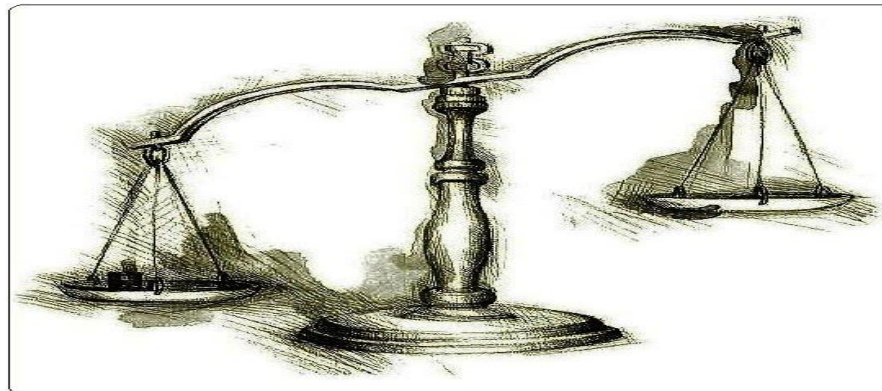
# The CBA model (2)

$$\mathbb{E}(ENPV_{RDI}) = \mathbb{E}(EPV_{Bu}) + \mathbb{E}(EPV_{Bn}) - \mathbb{E}(EPV_{Cu})$$

$B_u$  = Use benefits

$C_u$  = Costs

$B_n$  = Non Use benefits





# Costs

$$\mathbb{E}(EPV_{C_u})$$

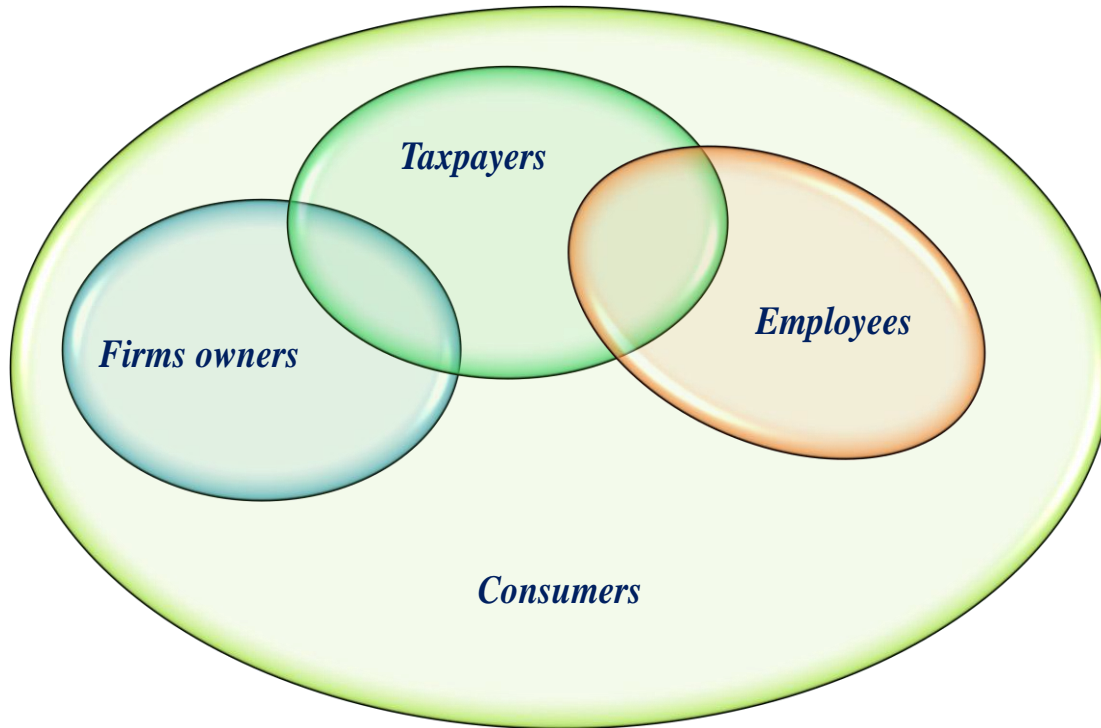
The present value of **COSTS** is the sum of the:

- economic value of capital ( $K$ )
- labour cost of scientists ( $L_s$ )
- other administrative and technical staff ( $L_o$ )
- other operating costs ( $O$ )
- negative externalities if any ( $\varepsilon$ ).

$$\mathbb{E}(EPV_{C_u}) = \sum_{t=0}^T s_t \cdot (k_t + l_{st} + l_{ot} + O_t + \varepsilon_t)$$

# Benefits (1)

Customary partition of economic agents in the applied welfare economics literature:



- **Firms:** profit maximization (producer surplus).
- **Consumers:** maximizing their utility (consumer surplus).
- **Employees:** maximizing their income for a given amount of efforts.
- **Tax-payers:** adjusting their decisions as a consequence of the existing fiscal constraints to minimize the burden of taxation.

Some evidence from literature:

- **Drèze, J. and Stern N. (1990).** *Policy reform, shadow prices and market prices*, Journal of Public Economics.
- **Johansson, P-O and Kriström, B. (2015).** *Cost-Benefit Analysis for Project Appraisal*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.



# Benefits (2)

The present value of  
**BENEFITS**  
is the sum of the:

- Firms ( $T$ )
- Employees ( $H$ )
- Users ( $A + S + C$ )
- Taxpayers ( $QOV + EXV$ )

Use  
Benefits  $B_u$

Non Use  
Benefits  $B_n$

$$\mathbb{E}(EPV_{B_u}) = \sum_{t=0}^T s_t \cdot (T_t + H_t + A_t + S_t + C_t)$$

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# The CBA model: Costs and Benefits

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# The CBA model: Benefits

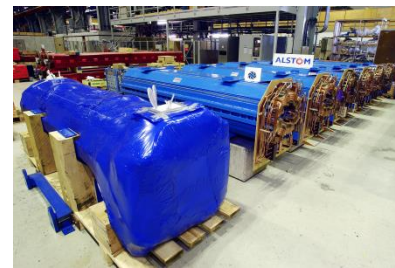


# Benefits on firms: Technological spillovers

The present value of technological spillovers ( $T_t$ ) is given by:

- the **discounted incremental social profits**  $\Pi_{jt}$  generated by **companies (j)** of the RI's supply chain which have benefitted from a learning effect;
- and **other externalities**.

$$T = \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{t=0}^T s_t \cdot \Pi_{jt}$$



# Benefits on employees: Human capital formation

**Human capital formation benefits (H)** are valued as **increased earnings (I)** gained by RI's students and **former employees (z)**, since the **moment ( $\varphi$ )** they leave the project, against **counterfactual scenario**.

$$H = \sum_{z=1}^z \sum_{t=\varphi}^T s_t \cdot I_{zt}$$





# Benefits on users: knowledge output

The social value of knowledge output is measured by:

- the **sum of the present value of papers signed** by RDI's scientists ( $P_{0t}$ ) and the **value of subsequent flows of papers produced** by other scientists that use or elaborate of the RDI's scientists' results
- **divided by the number of references** they contain ( $\frac{P_{it}}{k_{it}}$ , with  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), and the **value of citations each paper receives**, as a proxy of the social recognition that the scientific community acknowledges to the paper ( $Q_{it}$  with  $i = 0, \dots, n$ )

$$S = \sum_{t=0}^T s_t \cdot P_{0t} + \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{s_t \cdot P_{it}}{k_{it}} + \sum_{i=0}^I \sum_{t=1}^T s_t \cdot Q_{it}$$



# Benefits on users: cultural effects

Outreach activities carried out by RI produce **cultural effects** on the general public ( $g$ ), which can be valued by estimating the *willingness to pay of the general public* for such activities.

$$C = \sum_{g=1}^G \sum_{t=1}^T s_t \cdot W_{gt}$$



# Social benefits to consumers of services

## Provision of Services

Some RDI infrastructures provide services to external users. They may pay a fee for accessing and using the infrastructure's equipment and/or specific services offered.

## Social benefits of RDI services for target groups of consumers

Some RDI infrastructures are expected to use new knowledge to deliver innovative services and products addressing specific societal needs. Benefits arise to users who are better off by the delivery of the innovative service or product.



# Benefits on taxpayers: Quasi Option + Existence value

$B_n$  captures two types of benefits related to the social value of discovery:  
the **quasi-option value** ( $QOV$ ) and the **existence value** ( $EXV$ ):

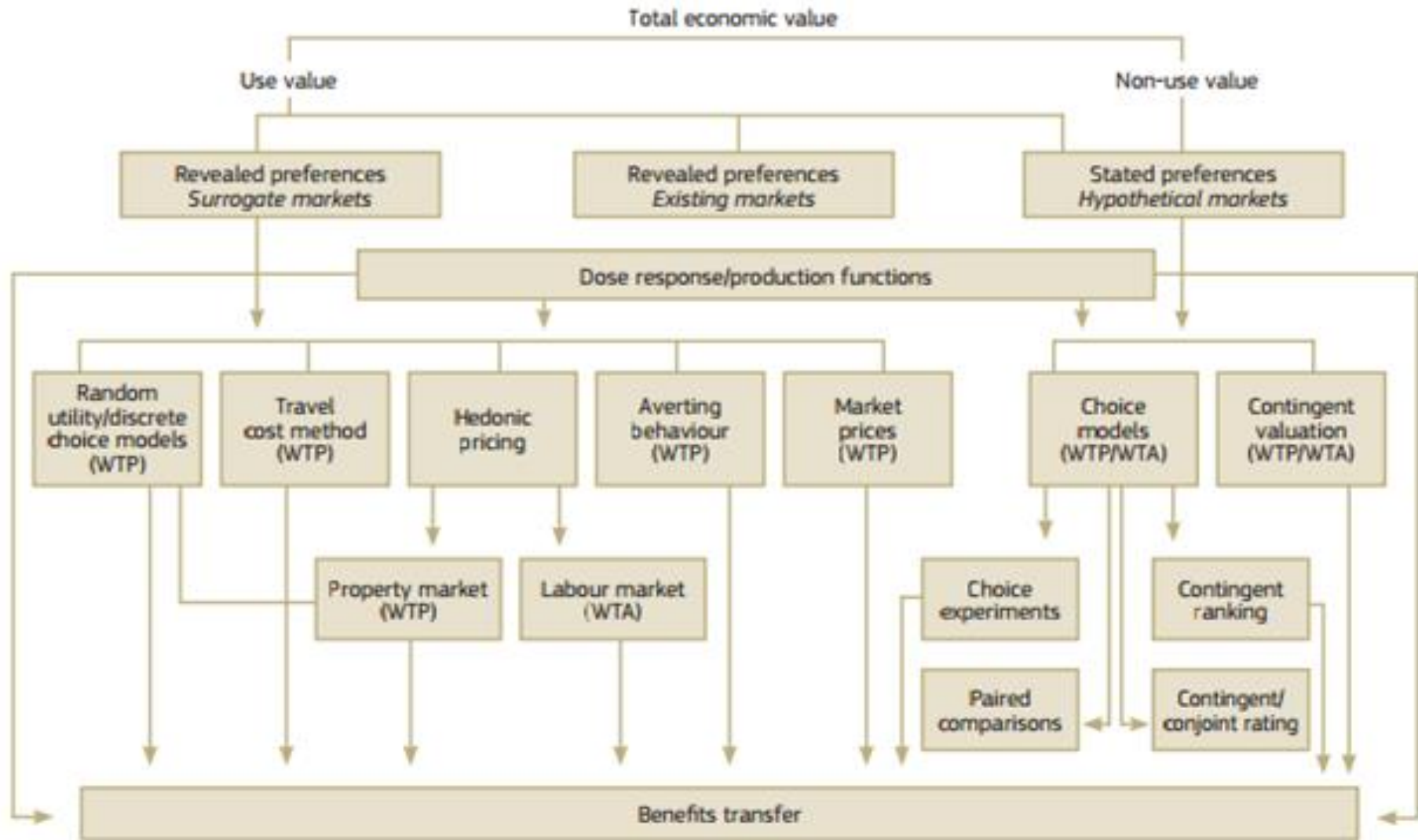
where

- $QOV$  is intrinsically **uncertain** and therefore **not measurable**, simply assumed to be **non-negative** and then **skipped**;
- $EXV$ , on the other hand, can be proxied by **stated or revealed willingness** to pay for scientific research, and/or through **benefit transfer**, borrowing ideas from CBA of the environment.

$$B_n = QOV + EXV$$



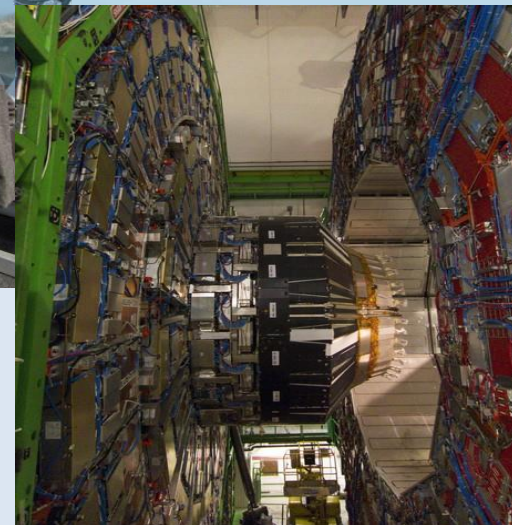
# Total economic value







# APPLICATION OF THE CBA MODEL

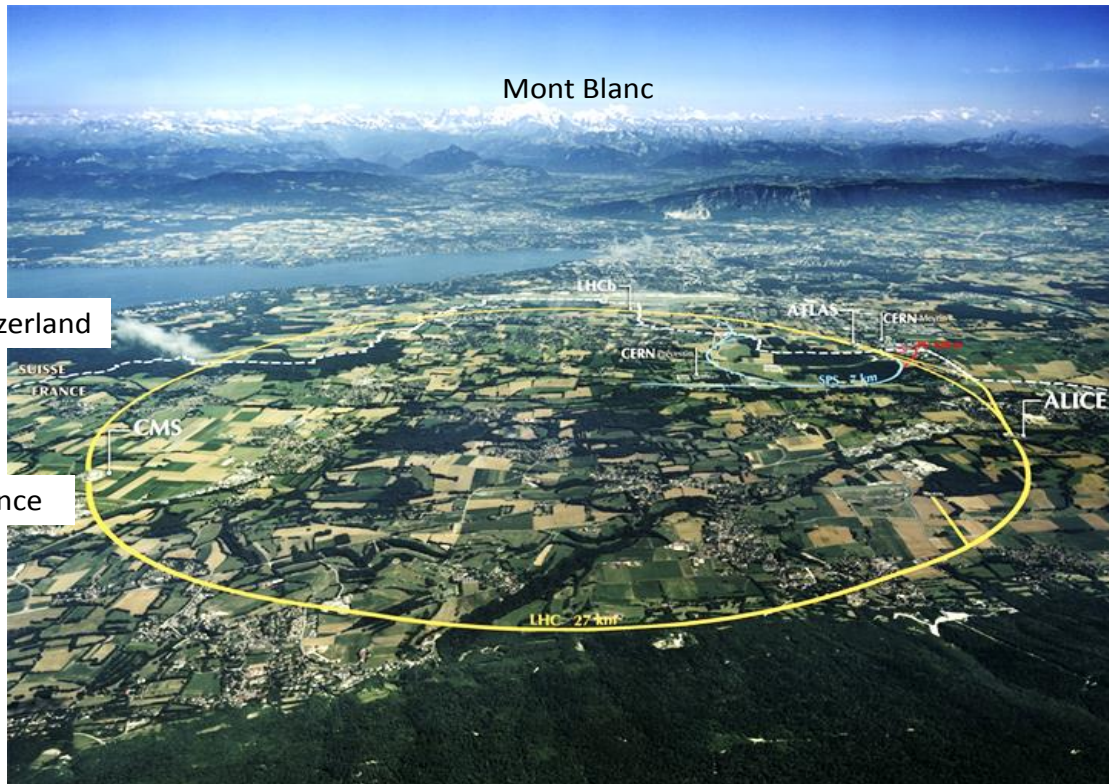


# LHC CASE STUDY



# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- It was built (1993-2008) by CERN.
- It is located in a 27 km-long underground tunnel near Geneva.
- In operation since 2009, it has discovered the **Higgs Boson** in 2013.

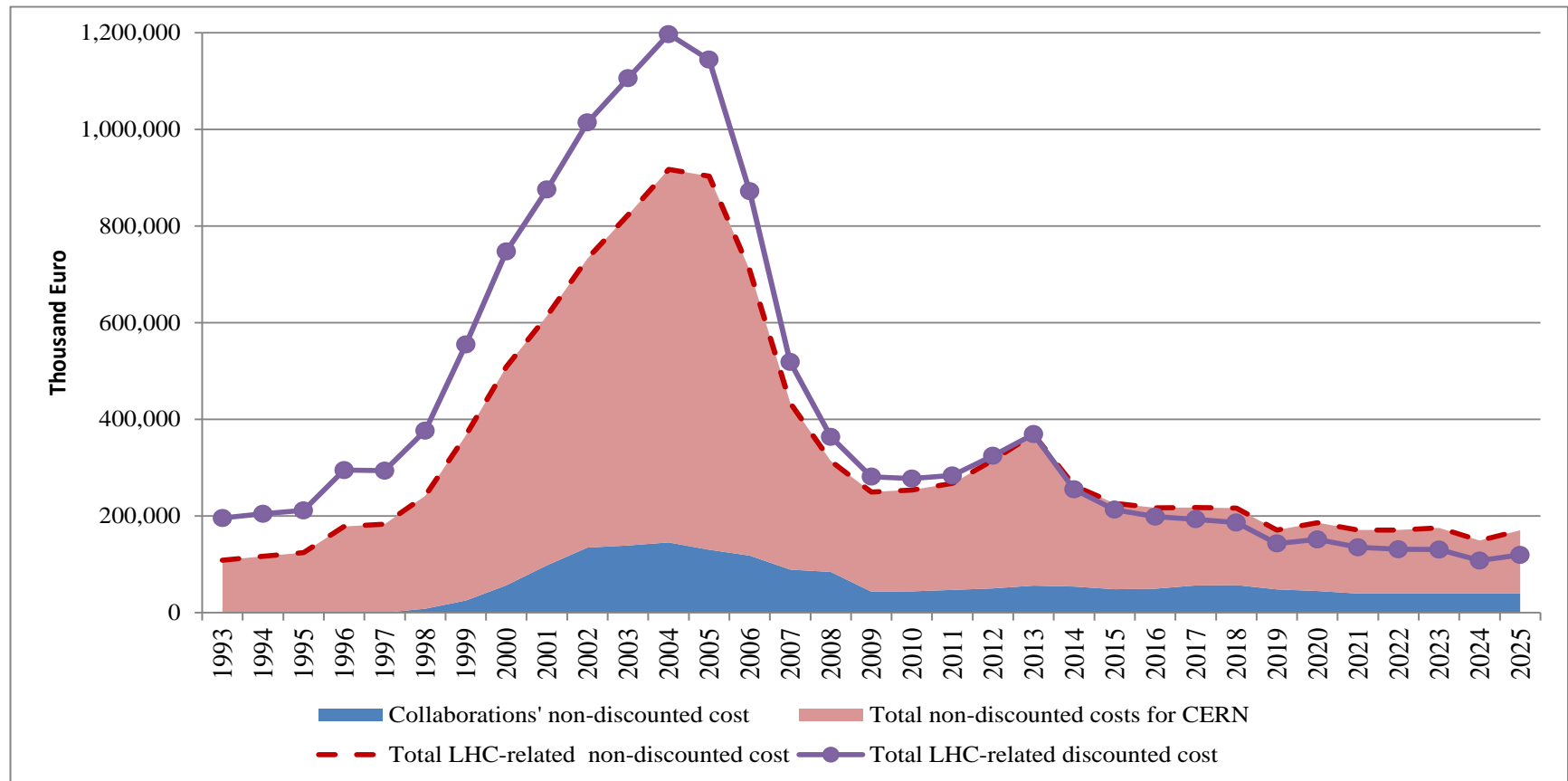


## KEY PARAMETERS FOR THE CBA

TIME HORIZON	33 years: 1993 - 2025
UNIT OF ANALYSIS	the LHC and four detectors (collaborations)
SOCIAL DISCOUNT RATE	3% in real terms (adopted by the EC CBA Guide, 2014)
SHADOW PRICES	Proxied by marginal WTP or marginal costs
COUNTERFACTUAL	Business as usual scenario
QUASI-OPTION VALUE	assumed 0
NEGATIVE EXTERNALITIES	assumed 0

# LHC: Costs

**Total discounted and non-discounted LHC costs covered by CERN and collaborations, including in-kind, by year (1993-2025; thousand euro)**

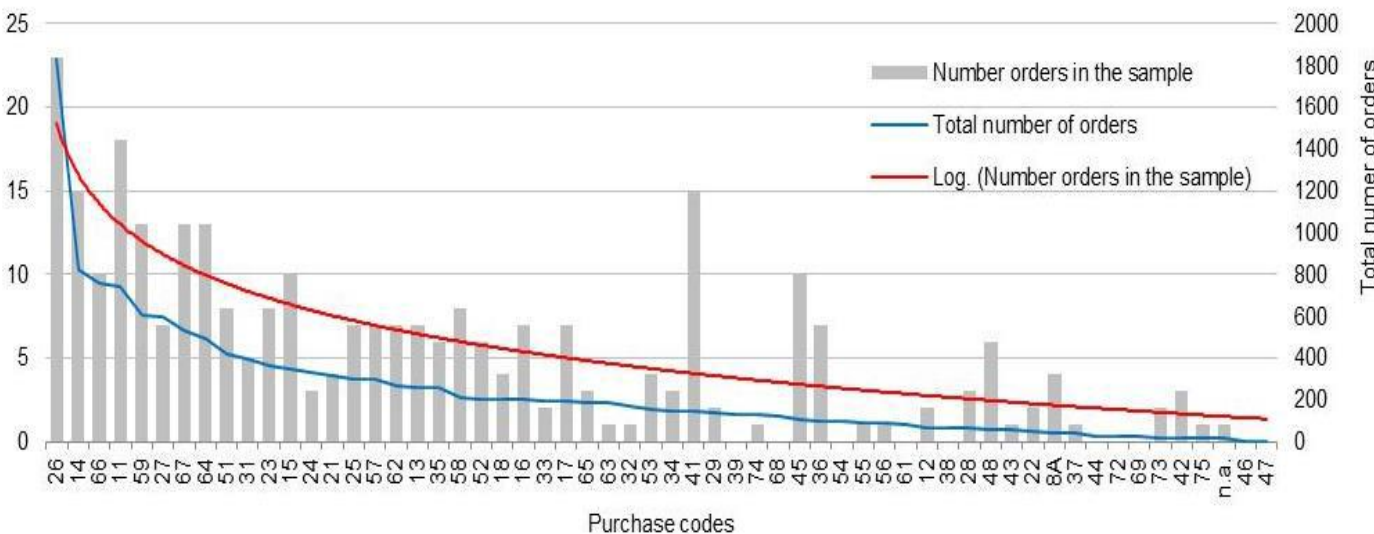


- 11 building work
- 12 roadworks
- 13 installation and supply of pipes
- 14 electrical installation work
- 15 heating and air-conditioning equipment (supply and installation)
- 16 hoisting gear
- 17 water supply and treatment
- 18 civil engineering and buildings
- 21 switch gear and switchboards
- 22 power transformers
- 23 power cables and conductors
- 24 control and communication cables
- 25 power supplies and converters
- 26 magnets
- 27 measurement and regulation
- 28 electrical engineering
- 29 electrical engineering components
- 31 active electronic components
- 32 passive electronic components
- 33 electronic measuring instruments
- 34 power supplies - transformers
- 35 functional modules & crates
- 36 rf and microwave components and equipment
- 37 circuit boards
- 38 electronics
- 39 electronic assembly and wiring work
- 41 computers and work-stations
- 42 storage systems
- 43 data-processing peripherals
- 44 interfaces (see also 35 series)
- 45 software
- 46 consumables items for data-processing
- 47 storage furniture (data-processing)
- 48 data communication
- 51 raw materials (supplies)
- 52 machine tools, workshop and quality control equipment
- 53 casting and moulding (manufacturing techniques)
- 54 forging (manufacturing techniques)
- 55 boiler metal work (manufacturing techniques)
- 56 sheet metal work (manufacturing techniques)
- 57 general machining work
- 58 precision machining work
- 59 specialised techniques
- 61 vacuum pumps
- 62 refrigeration equipment
- 63 gas-handling equipment
- 64 storage and transport of cryogens
- 65 measurement equipment (vacuum and low-temperature technology)
- 66 low-temperature materials
- 67 vacuum components & chambers
- 68 low-temperature components
- 69 vacuum and low-temperature technology
- 71 films and emulsions
- 72 scintillation counter components
- 73 wire chamber elements
- 74 special detector components
- 75 calorimeter elements
- 8a radiation protection
- n.a. not available

# LHC: Technological Spillovers (1)

## Benefits to suppliers

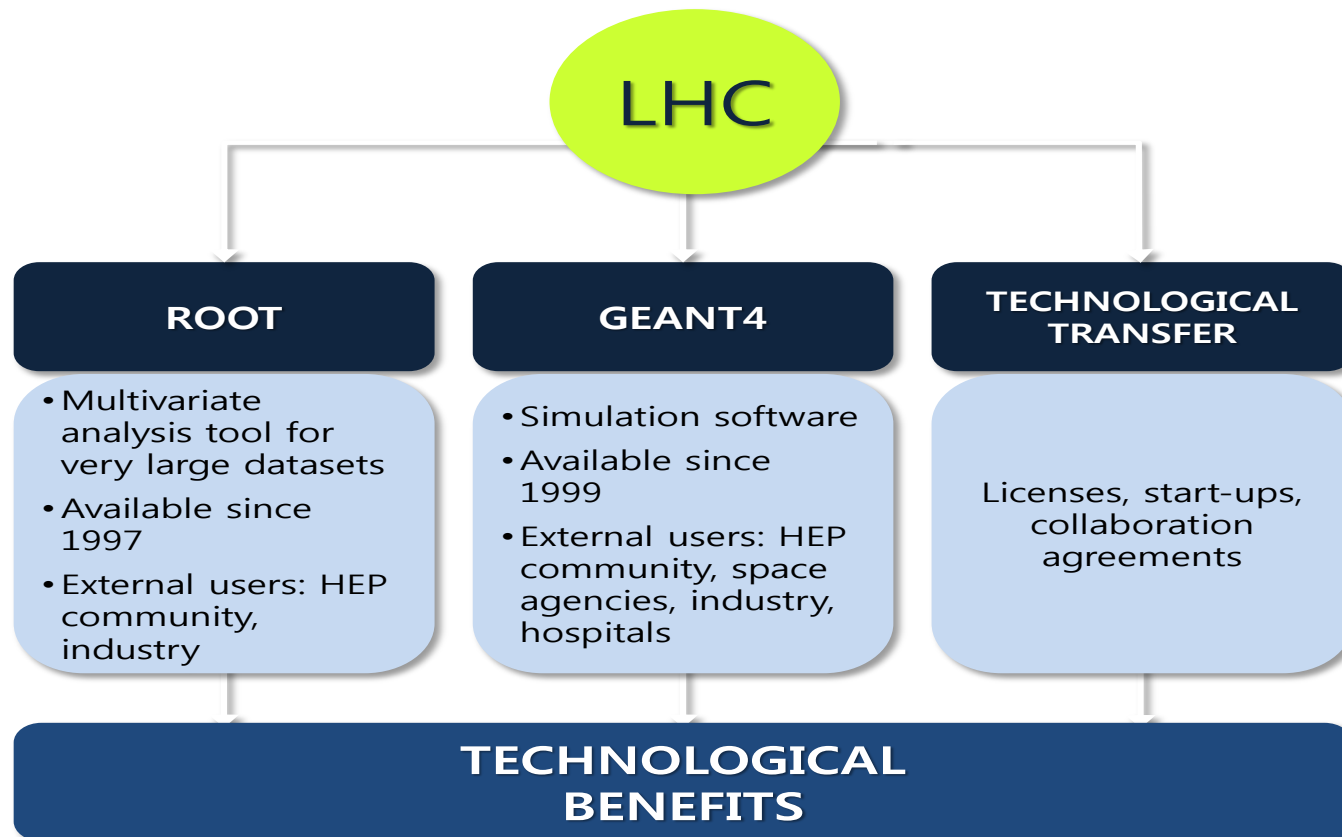
Sample of 300 orders by purchase code compared with all LHC orders



STEP 1. IDENTIFICATION OF HIGH-TECH ORDERS	
ACTIVITY CODES FOR HIGH-TECH ORDERS	
POWER CABLES AND CONDUCTORS	CASTING AND MOULDING (MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES)
MAGNETS	FORGING (MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES)
MEASUREMENT AND REGULATION	PRECISION MACHINING WORK
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	VACUUM PUMPS
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING COMPONENTS	REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT
ACTIVE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	GAS-HANDLING EQUIPMENT
PASSIVE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	STORAGE AND TRANSPORT OF CRYOGENS
ELECTRONIC MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT (VACUUM AND LOW-TEMPERATURE TECHNOLOGY)
POWER SUPPLIERS - TRANSFORMERS	LOW-TEMPERATURE MATERIALS
FUNCTIONAL MODULES & CRATES	VACUUM COMPONENTS & CHAMBERS
RF AND MICROWAVE COMPONENTS AND EQUIPMENT	LOW-TEMPERATURE COMPONENTS
CIRCUIT BOARDS	VACUUM AND LOW-TEMPERATURE TECHNOLOGY
ELECTRONICS	OPTICAL AND X-RAY EQUIPMENT
ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLY AND WIRING WORK	

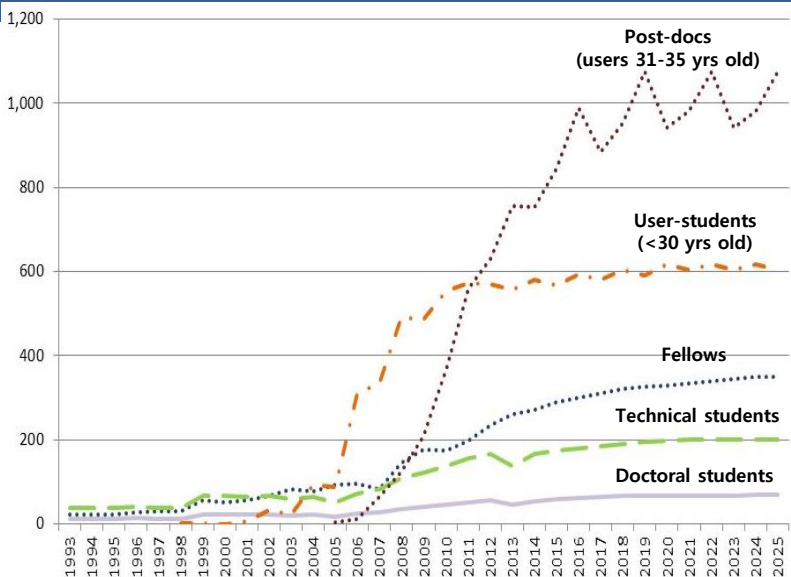
# LHC: Technological Spillovers (2)

## Benefits to software users



# LHC: Human capital formation (1)

TYPES AND NUMBER OF PEOPLE BENEFITTING FROM TRAINING



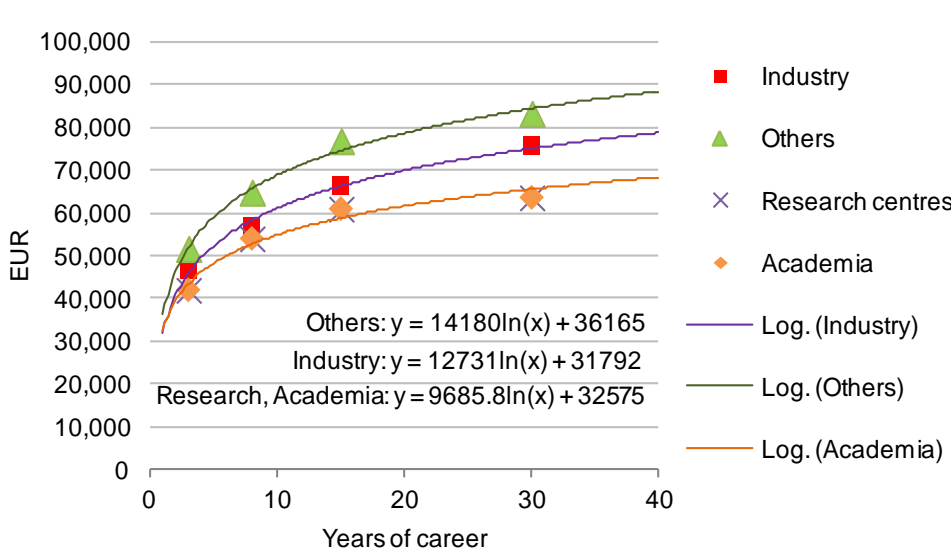
TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF PEOPLE BENEFITTING FROM TRAINING

Variable	Number over the 1993-2025 period	Average staying at CERN
CERN fellows working on LHC	5,873	2 years
CERN technical students working on LHC	3,940	1 year
CERN doctoral students working on LHC	1,332	3 years
User-students working on LHC	14,225	3 years
Post-doc researchers (users) working on LHC	11,301	2 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,671</b>	
Sources: - CERN personnel statistics; - Interviews to CERN staff		
Main assumptions: - Future number of beneficiaries; - Number of users-students and post-docs among users (assumed based on their age group); - Incoming number of user-students and post docs		

ASSUMED DISTRIBUTION OF FORMER LHC STUDENTS BY PROFESSIONAL SECTOR

Sector	CERN fellows	CERN technical students	CERN doctoral students	User-students and post-docs
Industry	20%	45%	20%	20%
Others (computing, finance, public administration, ...)	20%	45%	20%	20%
Research centres	30%	5%	30%	30%
Academia	30%	5%	30%	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

ESTIMATION OF FUTURE AVERAGE SALARIES



DETERMINING THE RETURN TO SALARY DUE TO LHC TRAINING

Sector	SALARY EFFECT <sup>(1)</sup>		SALARY BONUS FOR JOB EFFECT <sup>(2)</sup>
	CERN fellows, doctoral students, user students, post-docs	CERN technical students	
Research centres	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	
Academia			
Industry			
Others (computing, financial, ...)			

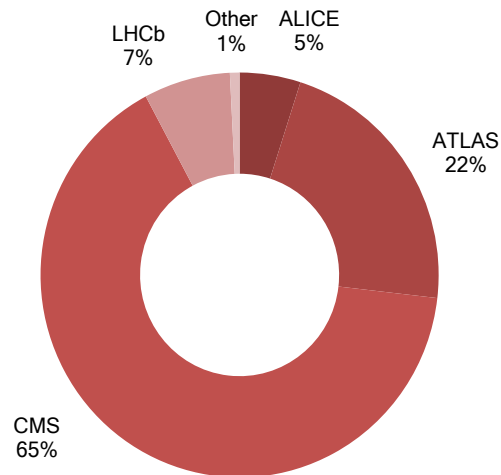
<sup>(1)</sup> Survey to 192 former LHC students (out of a total survey to 385 students and former students): declared salary impact of the experience at LHC on their current salary  
<sup>(2)</sup> Own assumption based on survey results and Payscale salaries  
 Main source: Findings from the survey to LHC current and former students  
 Main assumptions:  
 • Same economic return regardless of the professional sector and type of student  
 • Same return over the entire work career (40 yrs)



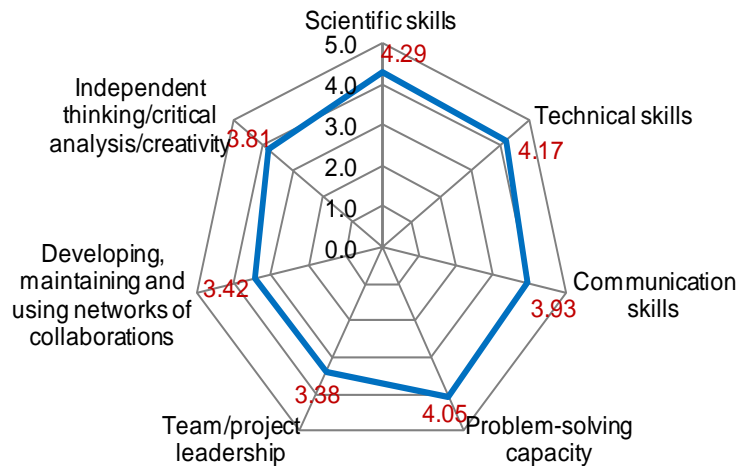
# LHC: Human capital formation (2)

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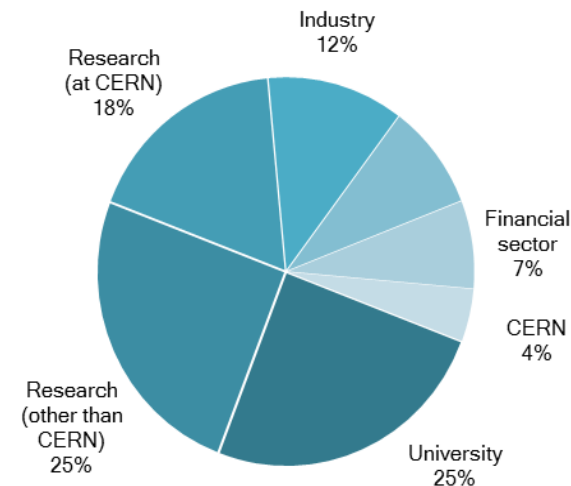
SHARE OF RESPONDENTS BY EXPERIMENT



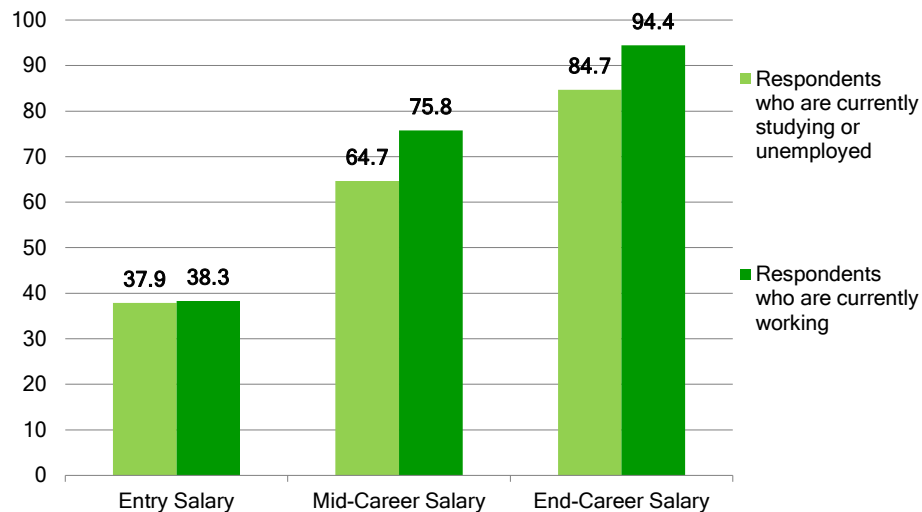
SKILLS IMPROVED THANKS TO THE LHC EXPERIENCE. AVERAGE JUDGEMENT



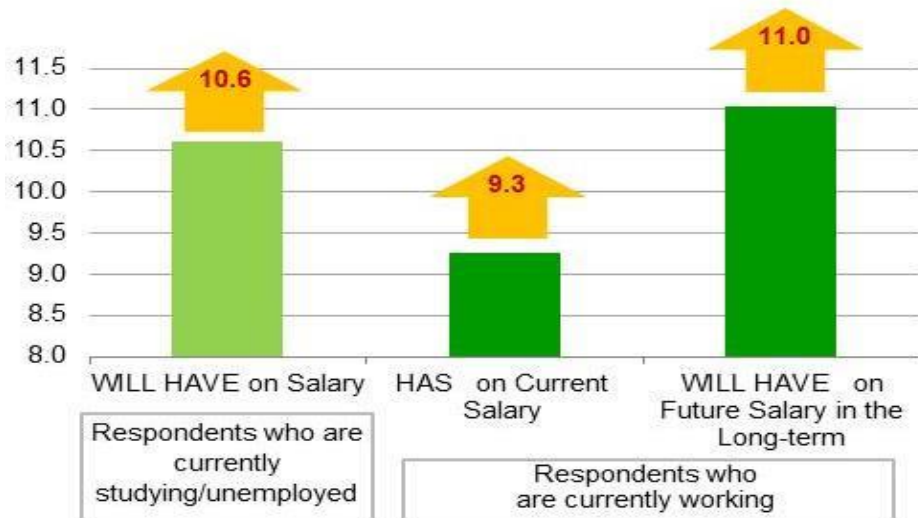
AN OVERVIEW OF CURRENT EMPLOYMENT SECTOR. SHARE OF RESPONDENTS



AVERAGE SALARY EVOLUTION: A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS OF RESPONDENTS (THOUSAND EUR)



THE IMPACT OF LHC EXPERIENCE ON SALARY (%)

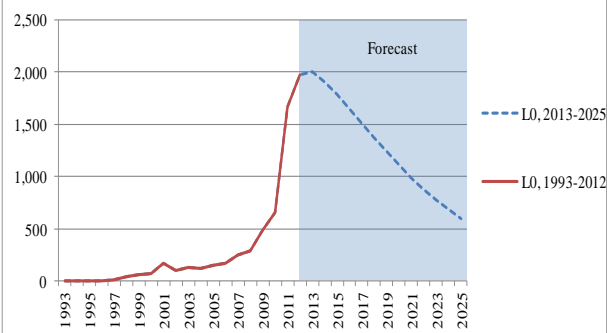




# LHC: Knowledge Output

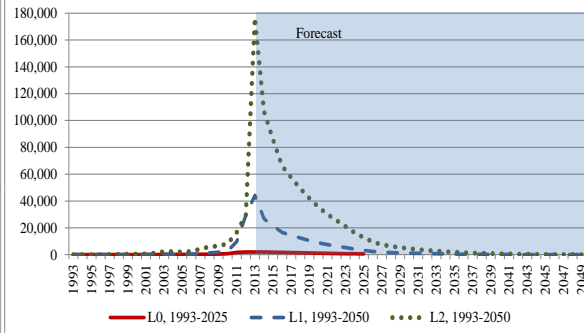
## PAPERS PRODUCED BY LHC USERS (L0)

Number of papers L0



## PAPERS PRODUCED BY NON-LHC USERS (L1 & L2)

Number of papers L0, L1 and L2



## VALUATION

### Unit economic value of papers L1

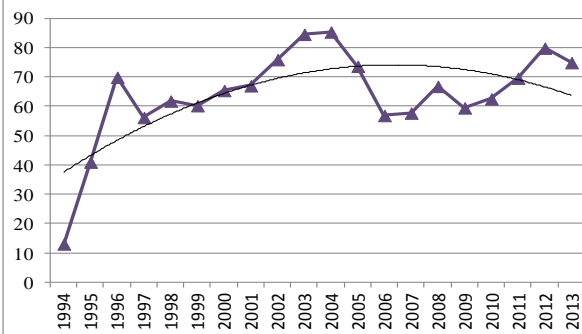
	Value	Source
Number of references in paper L1	35	Own assumption, based on an analysis of 41 research journals by Abt and Garfield (2002)
Share of time dedicated to research	65%	Own assumption. The remainder is for teaching and other non scientific activities
Number of paper (published and non) per year	3.5	Own assumption. It represents the number of papers to which a scientist gives a real contribution
Average annual gross salary	59,289 €	Own elaboration based on PayScale data. It is the average salary for a scientists working in research centres and academia in the USA
Unit production cost per paper L1	315 € = (59,289 € * 65%/3.5/35)	Own estimation, based on the approach suggested by Florio and Sirtori (2014)

### Unit economic value of citations and downloads

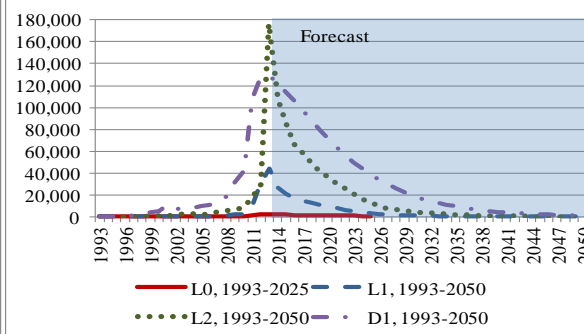
	Value	Source
Working hours per year	1,800 = 225 working days * 8 hours/day	Own assumption
Average hourly gross salary	33 € = 59,289/1,800	Own estimation
Hours per citation	3	Own assumption
Hours per download	3	Own assumption
Value of one citation L1 and L2	99 € = 33 € * 3	Own estimation, based on Florio and Sirtori (2014)
Value of one L0 paper downloaded but not cited	99 € = 33 € * 3	Own estimation, based on Florio and Sirtori (2014)

## DOWNLOADS OF LHC PAPERS (D1)

Number of downloads per paper (ArXiv, field HEP)

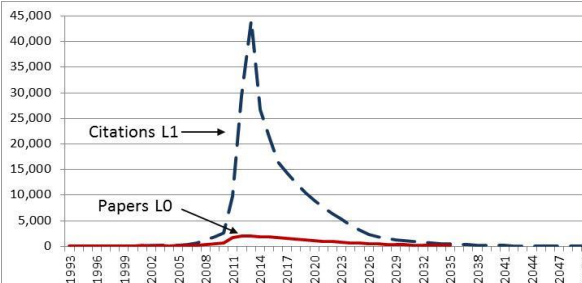


Number of papers L0, L1 and L2 and downloads D1

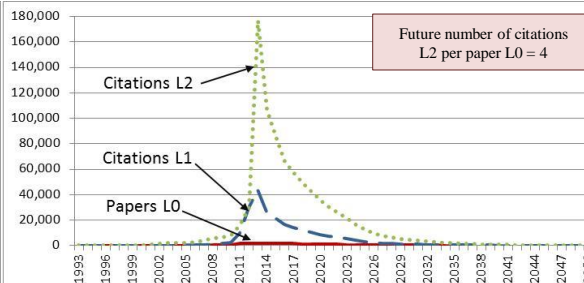


## TRACKING THE KNOWLEDGE OUTPUTS

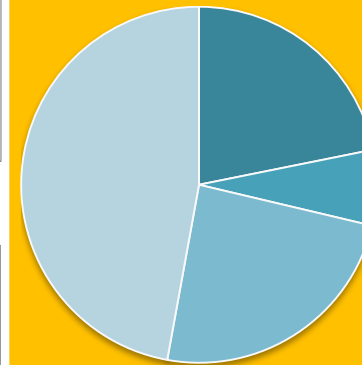
Quantification of citations L1



Quantification of citations L2



## OUR RESULTS



- Present value of papers L1
- Present value of citations L1
- Present value of citations L2
- Present value of downloads

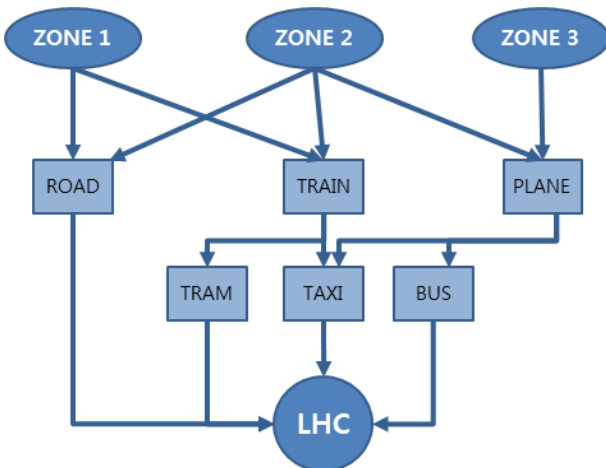
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# LHC: Cultural Effects

## TRAVEL ZONES CONSIDERED



## VALUATION THROUGH THE TRAVEL COST METHOD



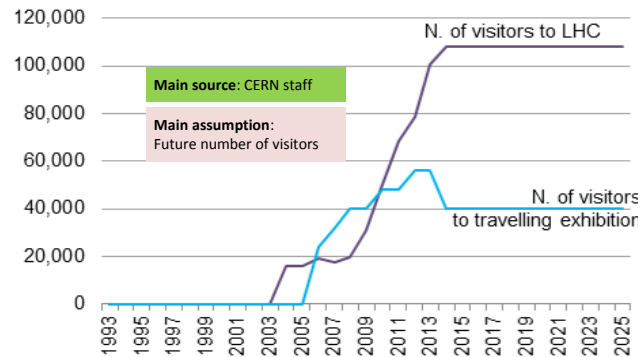
**Main assumption:**

- % of visitors by mode of transport
- Travel cost by zone

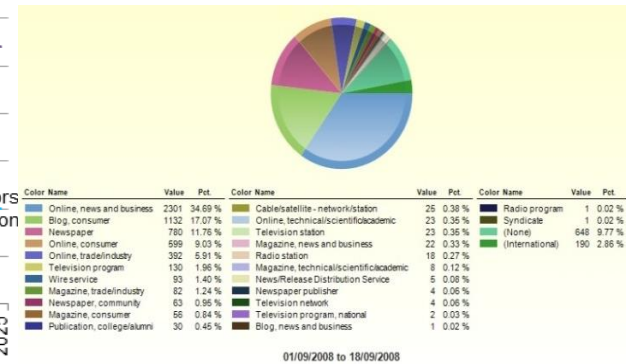
**Source:**  
HEATCO values of travel time by modes of transport

Origin zone	Radius distance from CERN	Share of visitors	Source/ Assumption
Zone 1	500 km	24%	CERN
Zone 2	500-1,500 km	50%	Own assumption
Zone 3	Beyond 1,500 km	26%	Own assumption

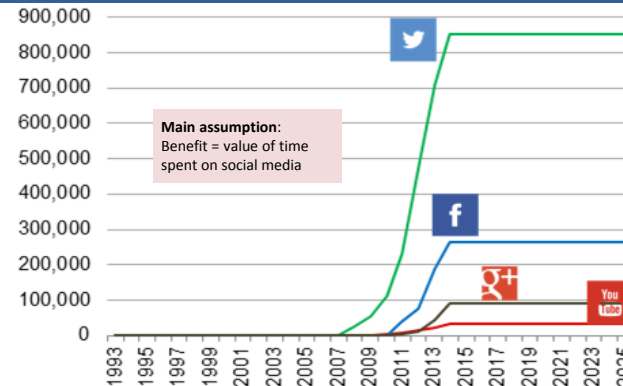
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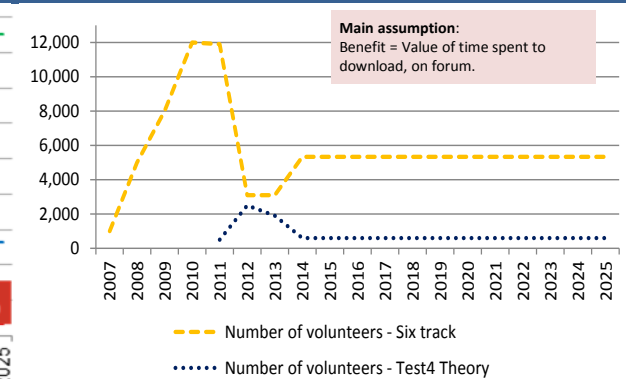
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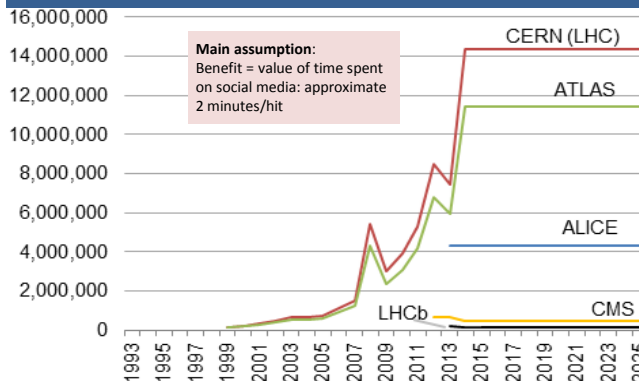
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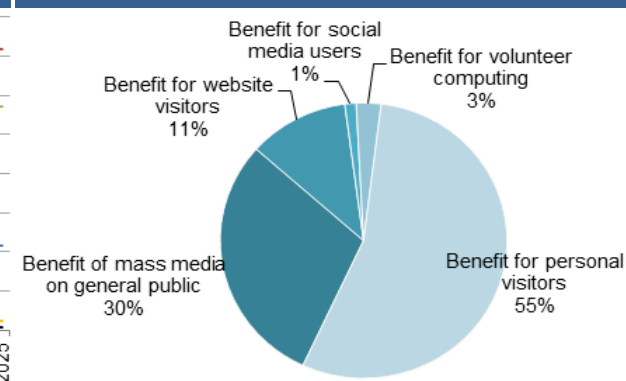
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## BENEFIT FOR WEBSITE VISITORS



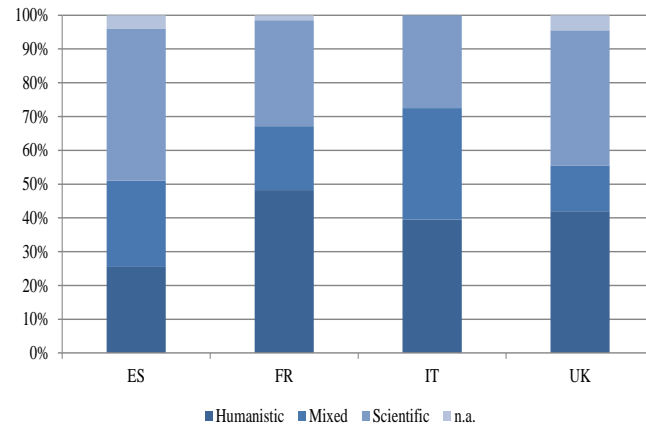
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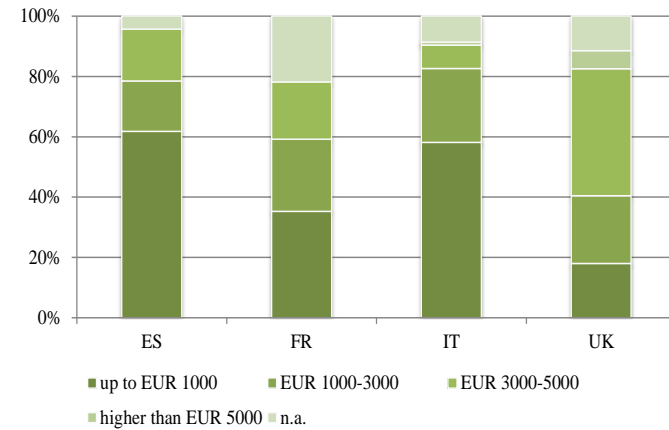
# LHC: results from a contingent valuation

GENDER	Number
Female	581
Male	446
Total	1027
COUNTRY	Number
Italy	422
Spain	204
France	201
UK	200
Total	1027
YEARS	Number
19-25 years	875
26-30 years	95
31-35 years	34
Over 35 years	20
n.a.	3
Total	1027

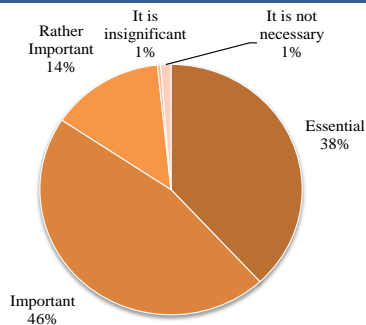
RESPONDENTS BY UNIVERSITY DEGREE



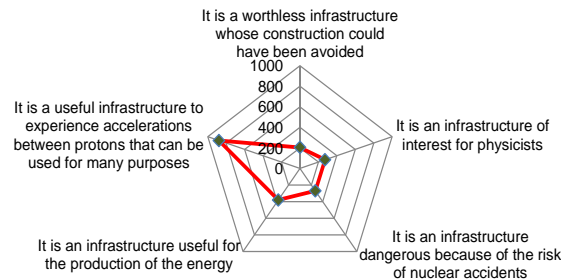
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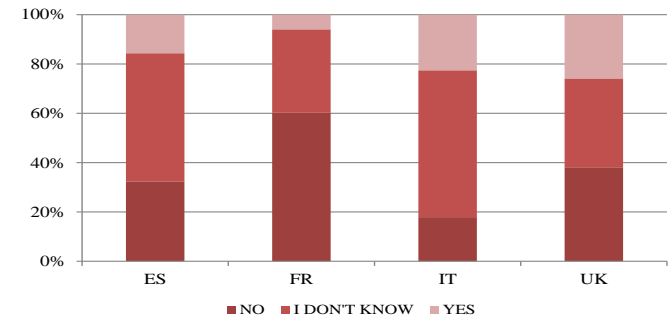
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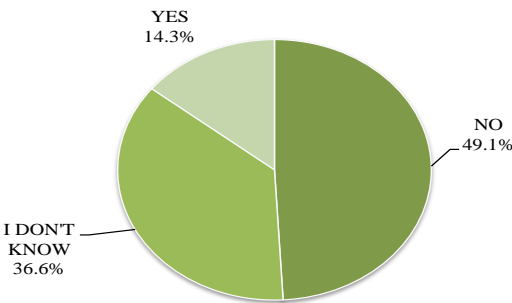
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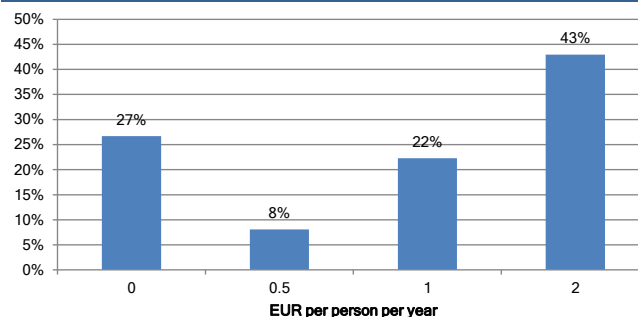
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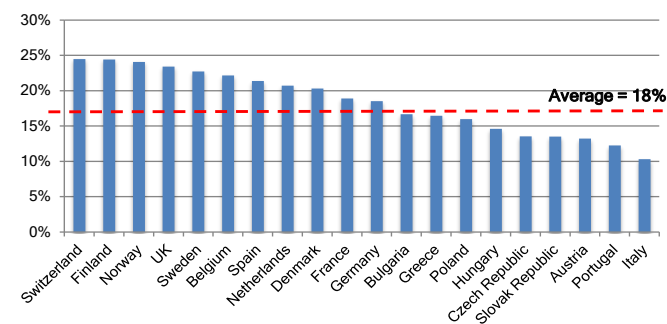
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AVERAGE ANNUAL WTP



SHARE OF ADULT POPULATION (18-74 YEARS OLD) WITH AT LEAST TERTIARY EDUCATION



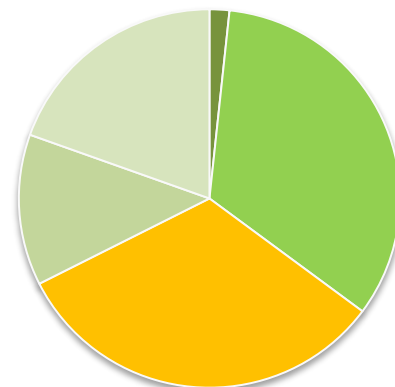
# LHC: CBA results (1)

LHC: summary of costs and benefits (Billion, EUR)	
<b>COSTS:</b>	13.5 ± 0.4
<b>USE BENEFITS:</b>	
Knowledge Formation	0.3 ± 0.1
Human Capital	5.5 ± 0.3
Technological Spillovers	5.3 ± 1.7
Cultural	2.1 ± 0.5
<b>NON-USE BENEFITS:</b>	
Existence Value	3.2 ± 1.0

- Human capital, technological spillovers, cultural + existence value each give about 33% of benefits (publications are negligible)
- Uncertainty largest on technological spillovers
- More than **90% chance of positive NPV**

## TOTAL MEASURED BENEFITS

- Scientific publications 2%
- Human capital formation 33%
- Technological spillovers 32%
- Cultural effects 13%
- Existence value 20%



# LHC: CBA results (2)

## ESTIMATED PARAMETERS OF DISTRIBUTION

<b>Mean</b>	2,855,528
<b>Median</b>	2,825,860
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	2,134,763
<b>Minimum</b>	-6,220,259
<b>Maximum</b>	11,573,387

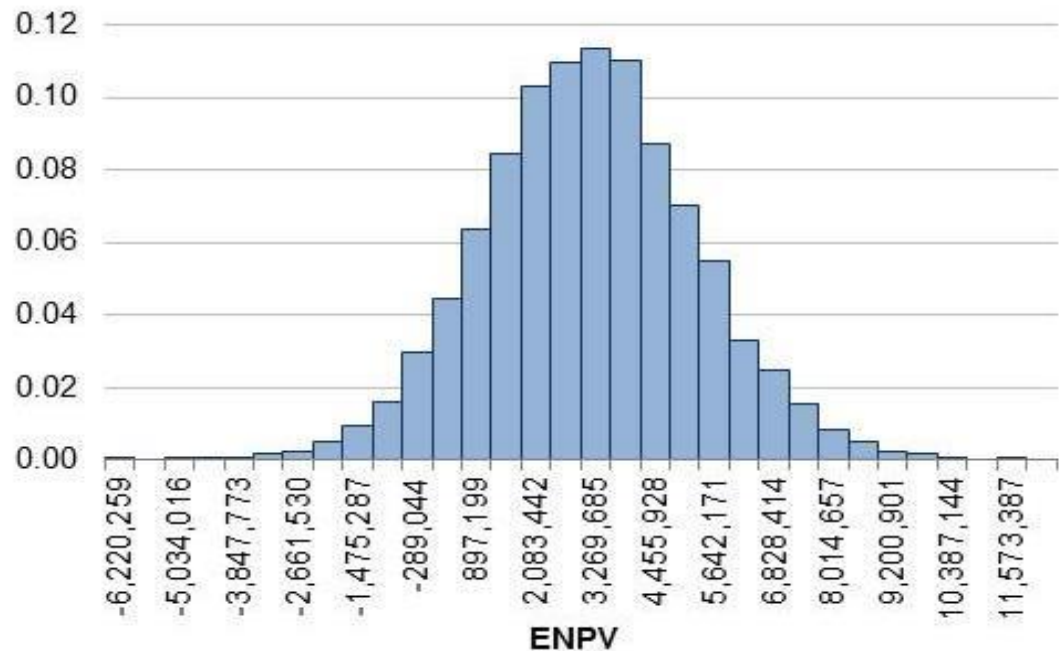
### Estimated probabilities

Pr. ENPV $\leq 0$	0.086
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### Montecarlo error

3 $\sigma$ 10,000	0.02
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## PROBABILITY DENSITY FUNCTION



# CNAO CASE STUDY



# What is hadrontherapy?

- **Hadrontherapy is an innovative cancer radiotherapy modality based on nuclear particles** (protons, neutrons and light ions such as carbon ions) for treatment of early and advanced tumors
- At present, 39 facilities are in operation worldwide, 27 are under construction and 11 in the design phase
- Since 1990 (Loma Linda, California) around **100,000 patients** worldwide have been **treated with protons**
- Around **10,000 patients** have been **treated with ions**, generally carbon
- Carbon ions treatment is still an experimental treatment
- At present, there are no commercial machines for hadrontherapy with carbon ions

# Economic aspect

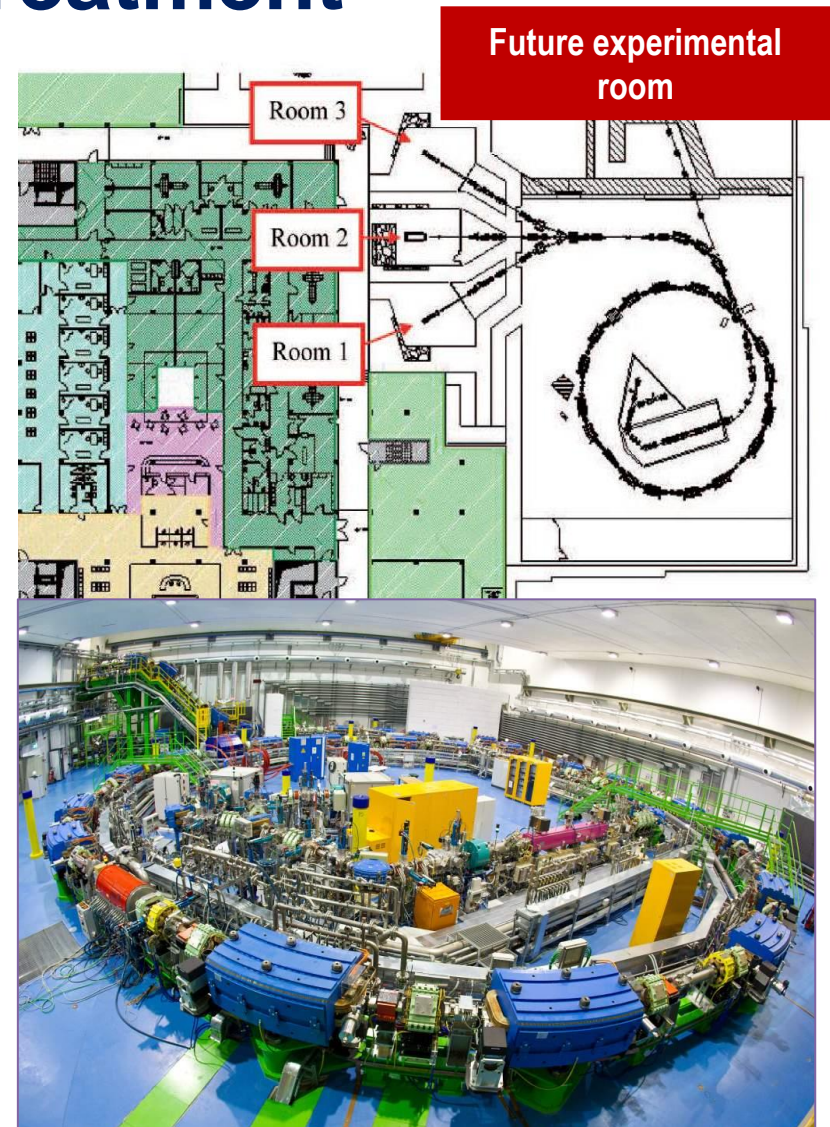
- Conventional radiotherapy: ~ EUR 6,000
- Hadrontherapy: ~ EUR 20,000



**Is it worth for the  
society financing  
such Applied  
Research  
Infrastructure?**

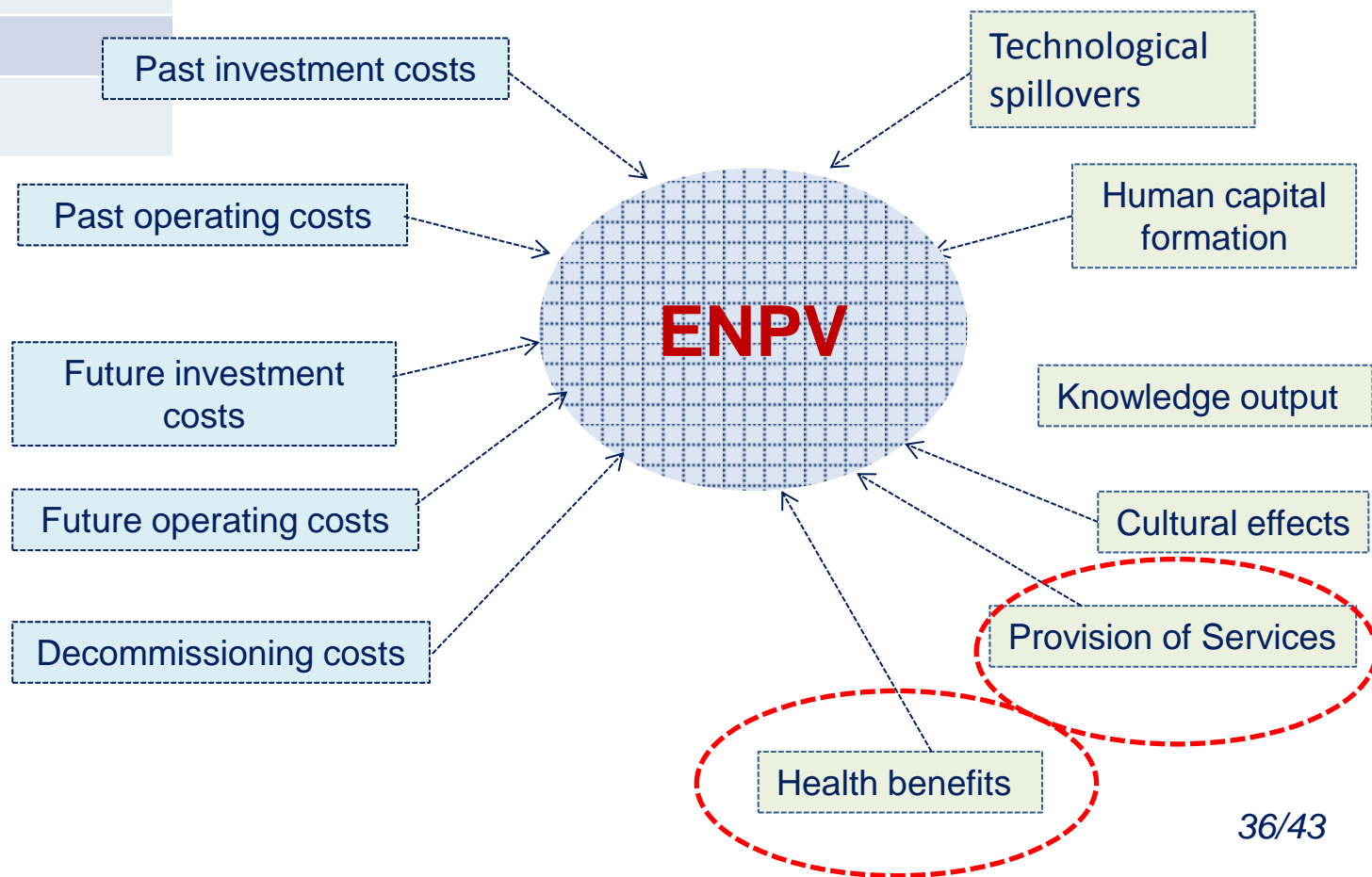
# CNAO - National Hadrontherapy Center for Cancer Treatment

- Outside the synchrotron there are 4 extraction lines (3 horizontal and 1 vertical) leading the extracted beam into 3 treatment rooms.
- In each room it is possible to perform proton and carbon ion therapy.
- Active scanning.
- An experimental beam line with a dedicated room is under construction since July 2014 in collaboration with INFN.



TIME HORIZON	30 years: 2001 - 2031
UNIT OF ANALYSIS	The hall hosting the particle accelerators and the other areas functional to the proper functioning of the clinical facility
SOCIAL DISCOUNT RATE	3% in real terms (adopted by the EC CBA Guide, 2014)
SHADOW PRICES	Proxied by marginal WTP or marginal costs
COUNTERFACTUAL	Do-nothing
Non-use benefits	assumed 0
NEGATIVE EXTERNALITIES	assumed 0

# The key parameters and ingredients of the CBA of CNAO



# CNAO: Estimation of health benefits

$$A = \sum_t^T \frac{\sum_p^P \sum_i^I (N_{p,i} * E_p) * (X_{pi} * VOLY_i) * Q_p}{(1 + 3\%)^t}$$

$N$ : number of patients

$E$ : share of patients who gain additional years of life compared to the identified counterfactual

$X$ : number of life years gained

$VOLY$ : Value of Statistical Life Years

$Q$ : coefficient capturing the increased quality of life

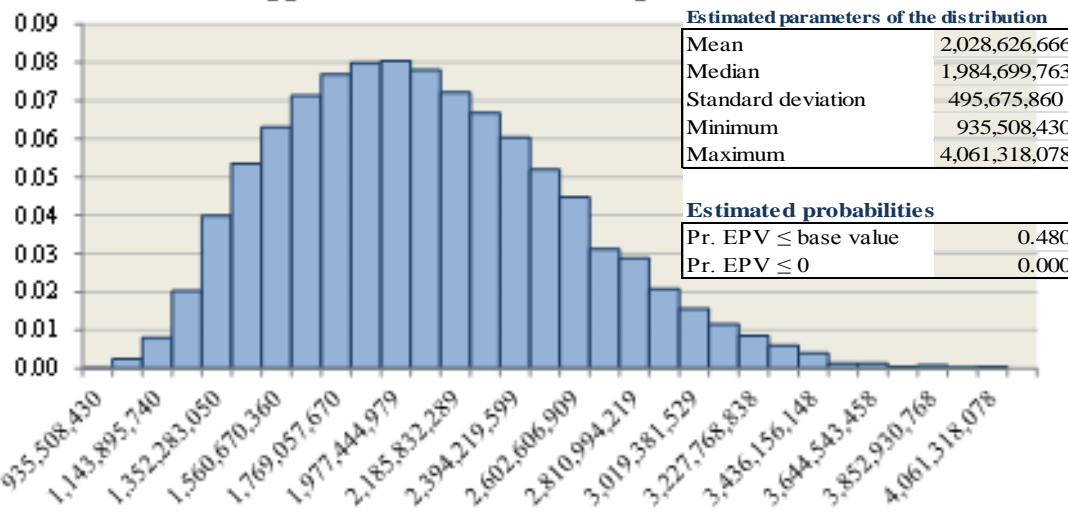
$p$  (1, ..23): clinical protocol

$i$  (1, ..6): age class

$t$  (1, ..30): years of time horizon

Probability distribution of applied research benefits on patients (Euros)

**EPV Probability Density Function**  
Applied research benefits on patients



## Type 1 – FULL RECOVERY

Marginal benefit by protocols

2	No alternative	73%
3	No alternative	33%
9	Surgery + photon therapy	45%
10	Surgey	21%
11	No alternative*	45%
12	No alternative*	14%
15	Surgery + photon therapy	30%
16	Photon therapy	43%
13	No alternative*	33%
19	Photontherapy	36%

## Type 2 – INCREASE IN LIFE EXPECTANCY

Marginal benefit by protocols

# of protocol	Clinical alternative	Marginal percentage of patients who fully recover compared to the counterfactual	Number of life years gained with respect to the counterfactual
6	No alternative for advanced tumours	15%	5
8	No alternative	43%	3
14	No alternative*	68%	0.5
18	Palliative chemotherapy	40%	2
20	No alternative	43%	3
22	Surgey + photon therapy	10%	5
23	Photontherapy*	35%	5

## Type 3 – BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

Marginal benefit by protocols

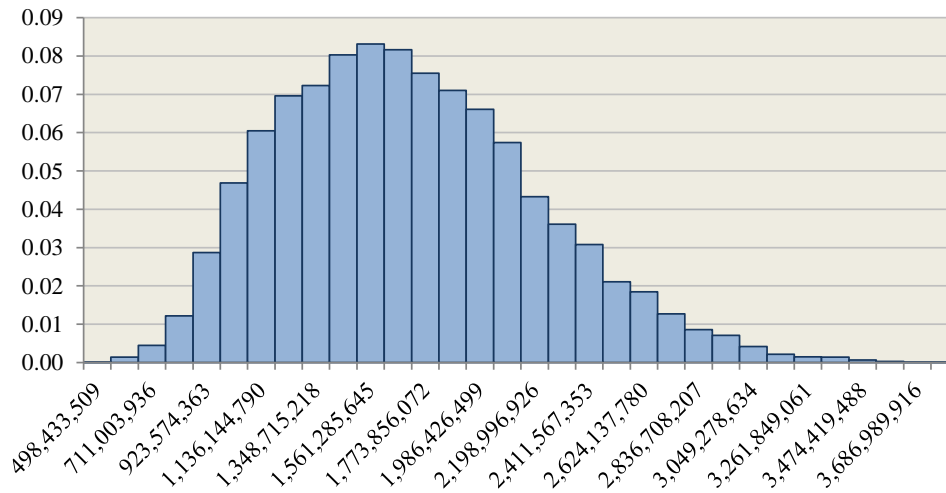
# of protocol	Clinical alternative	Marginal percentage of patients who fully recover compared to the counterfactual	Number of life years gained with respect to the counterfactual	Quality of life adjustment factor*
7	No alternative	100%	1	0.3
21	Surgey	100%	15	0.3



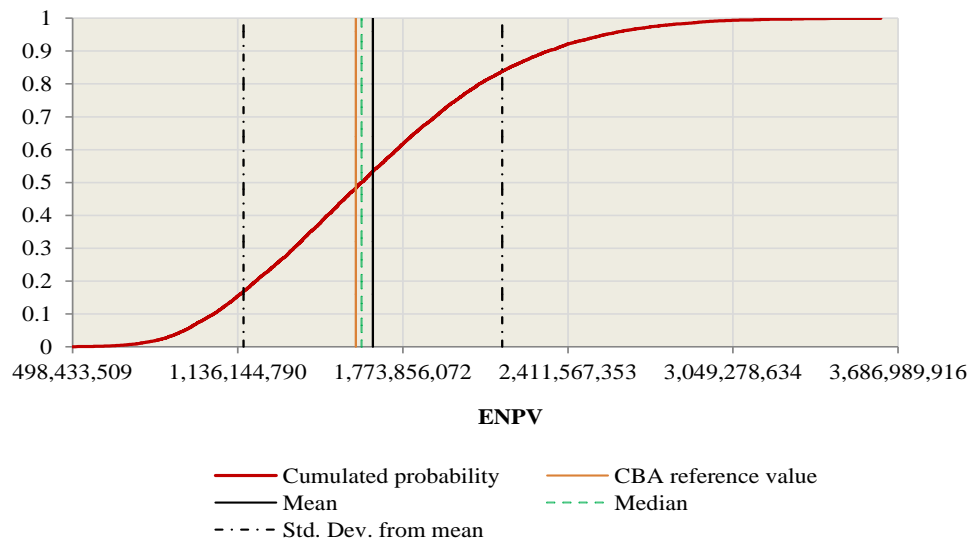
# CNAO: CBA Results

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## ENPV Probability Density Function



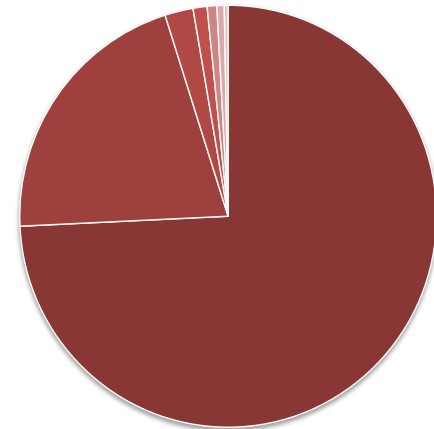
## ENPV Cumulative Distribution Function



## PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION OF THE CNAO NET PRESENT VALUE

Own estimate of the Present Value PDF resulting from a Monte Carlo simulation (10,000 random extractions)

- Carbon Ion Therapy 74.2%
  - Proton Therapy 20.9%
  - Revenues 2.2%
  - Benefit of Technological Spillovers 1.1%
  - Benefit of Human Capital Generation 0.7%
  - Benefit of Knowledge Creation 0.6%
  - Benefit of Cultural Outreach 0.3%
- Health benefits



## ESTIMATED PARAMETERS OF DISTRIBUTION

Mean	1,658,358
Median	1,615,046
Standard Deviation	499,225
Minimum	498,433
Maximum	3,686,989

## Estimated probabilities

Pr. ENPV ≤ 0	0.000
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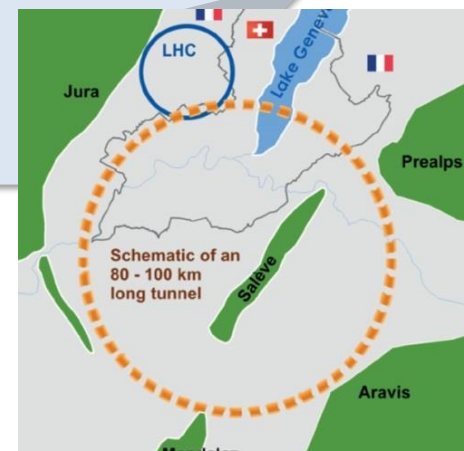
Values in Thousands EUR, 2013

# Our findings

- There is an **increasing need** of evaluation of socio-economic impact of RDI infrastructure.
- Until now **limited progress** in finding a **shared methodology**.
- We have proposed a **CBA model rooted** in applied welfare economics theory and international experience.
- We have been able to show that the model could be applied to **pilot case studies** (LHC and CNAO).

# Future Research

- **Testing the model** on other Research Infrastructures
- Forecasting technological spillovers with a **control group of firms** (non-CERN suppliers)
- Estimating human capital effects with **econometric ‘treatment’ techniques**
- Developing a **forecasting model for media impact** of outreach
- Expanding the **contingent valuation of willingness to pay** for discoveries
- **High Luminosity - LHC**
- Applying the model to the **Future Circular Collider**





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